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The Chapel at the Heart of Newbridge



**DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK
AND FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT ADVICE
ALL ACTIVITIES AT THE CHAPEL
ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**The Newsletter
Of Newbridge-On-Wye,
Baptist Church,
APRIL 2020**

FROM THE MINISTER

What is the difference between a chapel and a church?

The answer is easy, the chapel is the building in which the church meets. The church is not a building but the people of God who come together to worship him and to share His love with each other and the world.



The reason that I have started the letter with that question is to make the point clear, that although the chapel has closed its doors during these unprecedented times, the work of the church still goes on.

The people who meet at the chapel will still continue to love and care for each other and continue in whatever ways are possible to share that love and care with the local community.

Although resources are limited as many who attend the chapel are elderly or vulnerable, if we can help you in any practical way at this time please contact the Minister: Rev Steve Wallis on 01597 860185
Or email him at: steveoncomputer@aol.com and we will see what we can do to help.

The work of prayer also continues and although the church will not be gathering together at this time individually, the people will be praying for the wellbeing of each other and the wellbeing of the local community.

Although we will not be able to gather together to worship, that does not stop us worshipping God. You will find resources to help on the following website. <http://www.buw.org.uk/keeping-in-touch-resources-and-suggestions-for-churches/>

Steve

PS This newsletter will not be delivered to every house in the usual way, but it will be made available by email. It will also be available on the chapel website www.newbridgebaptistchurch.co.uk, and paper copies will be available at the Post Office.
This is the last newsletter that will be produced until after the Corona virus crises is over, when normal service will be resumed. Until then you can keep up to date by visiting the chapel's website or facebook page www.facebook.com/Pentref-Baptist-Chapel

NEWBRIDGE NEWS – Clive Barrett

THE BANTAMS TRIP TO NEWPORT.

On the third Saturday of February Bradford City's Bantams Supporters (Newbridge on Wye Branch) made their annual trip to see their favourite team play. However, there was a change of direction this year. Because Bradford were relegated to League 2 at the end of last season we could no longer go to Shrewsbury, instead the nearest destination was Newport.

Nineteen supporters travelled by mini bus, with ten attending the match, whilst the remainder went "sightseeing" in Newport (rumour has it that they saw a Banksy). The group's first port of call was the town's exclusive Excelsior Club & Institute, which trip organiser Alec Murray had arranged for the benefit of members.

In the match to the delight of the Newbridge, Bantams Bradford went 1—0 up, but Newport equalised and then went ahead before half time. The second half was disappointingly goalless, and so Bradford City lost 2—1. In many years of reporting football for the local newspapers I have never seen more time wasting than was undertaken by the Newport players in the second half! Returning to the Excelsior Club the Bantams were able to watch the Six Nations rugby match on television which Wales also lost – so it was a very enjoyable day except for the football and rugby!

Many thanks should go to Alec Murray for organising the day, and Pip Samuel for the local general knowledge quiz. Six members of the local branch were not able to go due to a funeral and other reasons, but those who went wish to thank them for the financial contribution they made to the very successful day.

NEWBRIDGE ON WYE PRIMARY SCHOOL RECEIVE £4,000 FOR IT EQUIPMENT.

The local Primary School was delighted recently to be awarded £4,000 from the Tesco Blue Token Scheme towards much needed IT equipment. The school has used the funds from the Llandrindod Wells supermarket, to purchase a set of iPads and two laptops. This has allowed the school to further develop its technology teaching, which is an essential part of the modern curriculum. Teachers and pupils have made good use of the new equipment in their lessons. The school wish to thank the Friends of the School for their

continued support. The Tesco community grants fund thousands of local projects right across the UK.

NEWBRIDGE NURSE GAINS SPECIALIST QUALIFICATION.

Emily Parkinson Watkins of Newbridge, who works for the Powys Teaching Health Board, as a staff nurse in the outpatient department at Llandrindod Wells Memorial Hospital, has recently gained her new qualification as a specialised staff nurse. Having worked in the outpatient department for the last few years, Emily realised her passion was for ophthalmology, and she decided she wanted to further her knowledge and skills in this speciality. This study was made possible by her manager Judith Jamieson and her mentor Ben While, an ophthalmic consultant, who helped Emily achieve the competencies required to qualify as an ophthalmic nurse through a training course at Bristol Eye Hospital. Emily had the opportunity to talk about her new qualification with Minister for Health and Social Services, Vaughan Gething AM, and Kirsty Williams AM, when they visited Llandrindod Wells Memorial Hospital recently.

A Prayer in these difficult times

Lord Jesus, Shepherd, Friend and Comforter, watch over us during these worrisome days as we come to terms with separation, isolation and loneliness. Grant us your presence as we go about our day filling up the hours with relaxation, concentration, work and looking after our children and their changed daytime hours.

You are the One who can give us peace, help those who have none, let us be patient as others seek ways and means to overcome this virus and return our lives to normality again.

In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.

AMEN

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